



TNRCC TECHNICAL GUIDANCE

PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK DIVISION

SUBJECT: **Am I Regulated?**

Owners of certain underground storage tanks (USTs) existing on or after September 1, 1987 are required to register these tanks with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), unless they were emptied and filled in place before January 1, 1974. Tanks that are empty or unused still need to be registered.

A UST is defined under Title 30, Texas Administrative Code, Chapter 334.2 as any one or combination of underground tanks and any connecting underground pipes used to contain an accumulation of regulated substances, the volume of which, including the volume of the connecting underground pipes, is ten percent or more beneath the surface of the ground.

Regulated USTs include those containing petroleum substances such as:

- gasoline,
- diesel,
- used oil,
- jet fuel,

and those containing hazardous substances such as:

- acetone,
- methyl ethyl ketone, and
- numerous other chemicals listed as hazardous substances in CERCLA §101(14).

USTs containing substances which are not a liquid at standard temperature and pressure do not need to be registered.

Other USTs commonly excluded from TNRCC regulations include:

- farm or residential tanks with a capacity of 1100 gallons or less,
- heating oil tanks,
- septic tanks,
- flow-through process tanks, and
- sumps with a capacity of less than 110 gallons.

Hydraulic lifts are excluded from registration requirements, but are still subject to release reporting and cleanup action.

A **TNRCC Underground Storage Tank Registration Form** is used both to initially register USTs and to later change or amend registered tank information. Within 30 days of any change, tank owners should submit a signed and dated amended registration form to the TNRCC indicating tank removals, owner changes, address changes, release detection upgrades, financial responsibility information, or any other changes.

The TNRCC also requires some aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) to be registered. Regulated ASTs include those which have a capacity of more than 1100 gallons and which store a petroleum product that can propel motor vehicles. By this definition, petroleum products include:

- gasoline,
- diesel,
- kerosene,

- gasohol,
- aviation gasoline, and
- distillate fuel oil.

ASTs containing **lubricant oil or jet fuel** do not need to be registered.

Owners of regulated ASTs need to file an **Aboveground Storage Tank Registration Form** with the TNRCC. As with USTs, the AST information must be amended within 30 days of any change by using the same form.

Tank owners are required to provide proof of registration before regulated substances can be deposited in an aboveground or underground storage tank. As an

acknowledgement of registration, the TNRCC issues official certificates of registration. These certificates should be displayed at the actual tank location to serve as necessary proof of registration upon delivery.

Enclosed are forms for registering USTs and ASTs. If you have an UST or AST that is subject to the registration requirements, please fill out the correct form and mail it to the return address listed at the top of the form. If you need additional information or have any questions regarding registration of underground and aboveground storage tanks, please contact the Petroleum Storage Tank Division Registration Section at 512/239-2160.

Should you have any questions regarding this document, contact the TNRCC coordinator assigned to your particular case or contact the Responsible Party Remediation Section of the PST Division at 512/239-2200.



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